



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Health Policy Commission
Two Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6D, §8, the Health Policy Commission, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General and Center for Health Information and Analysis, will hold a public hearing on health care cost trends. The hearing will examine health care provider, provider organization and private and public health care payer costs, prices and cost trends, with particular attention to factors that contribute to cost growth within the Commonwealth's health care system.

Scheduled hearing dates and location:

**Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 9:00 AM
Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 9:00 AM
University of Massachusetts Boston
Campus Center
Third Floor, Ballrooms B and C
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125**

Time-permitting, the HPC will accept oral testimony from members of the public beginning at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2. Any person who wishes to testify may sign up to offer brief comments on a first-come, first-served basis when the hearing commences on October 1.

Members of the public may also submit written testimony. Written comments will be accepted until October 11, 2013 and should be submitted electronically to HPC-Testimony@state.ma.us, or, if comments cannot be submitted electronically, sent by mail, post-marked no later than October 11, 2013, to the Health Policy Commission, 2 Boylston Street, 6th floor, Boston, MA 02116, attention Lois H. Johnson.

Please note that all written and oral testimony provided by witnesses or the public may be posted on the HPC's website: www.mass.gov/hpc.

The HPC encourages all interested parties to attend the hearing. For driving and public transportation directions, please visit: http://www.umb.edu/the_university/getting_here/directions. If you are driving, please park in the Bayside Lot, 200 Mt. Vernon Street at the former Bayside Expo site (cost: \$6). Free shuttle service runs every 5-7 minutes from the Bayside Lot to the Campus Center. If you are taking public transportation, UMass Boston runs a free shuttle service from JFK/UMass Station (which serves both the Red Line and Old Colony Line) to the Campus Center. The trip normally takes less than 10 minutes.

If you require disability-related accommodations for this hearing, please contact Kelly Mercer at 617-979-1420 or by email Kelly.A.Mercer@state.ma.us a minimum of two weeks prior to the hearing so that we can accommodate your request.

For more information, including details about the agenda, expert and market participant panelists, testimony and presentations, please check the Annual Cost Trends Hearing section of the HPC's website, www.mass.gov/hpc. Materials will be posted regularly as the hearing dates approach.